LISTING OF SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace paragraphs [0020] and [0021] with the following amended paragraphs [0020] and [0021]:

[0020] Fig. 5 is a front elevational view of the nose cone of Fig. 1, showing the the mounting recesses ~~thereon, and~~ thereon;

[0021] Fig. 6 is a rear elevational view of a ~~mounting plate~~ nose cone of Fig. 1, showing the inner structure ~~thereof~~ thereof;

Please insert NEW paragraphs [0022] and [0023] after paragraph [0021] and RENUMBER ALL SUBSEQUENT PARAGRAPHS ACCORDINGLY:

[0022] Fig. 7 is an enlarged portion of Fig. 1, showing an optional application of adhesive between the selected standard fastener and the balancing apparatus; and

[0023] Figure 8 is a schematic illustration of examples of a variety of standard fasteners having the same diameters and different lengths in order to provide a selected balance weight to be added to the balancing apparatus.

Please replace paragraph [0026] (as originally numbered) with the following amended paragraph (to be renumbered accordingly):

[0026] In order to prevent the clinch nut 40 from rotating together with the mounting bolt 36 of Fig. 1 while the bolt 36 is being tightened, a portion of the clinch nut 40 at one side thereof is cut-away (as illustrated in Fig. 4) such that the cut away side 44 is configured and disposed closely with a section of a rear annular rim 46 of the plate 20. The annular rim 46 ~~radially~~ axially and rearwardly extends from the rear side 38 of the plate 20 and has a radius preferably smaller than the radial distance between the hole 34 and the center of the plate 20. The annular rim 46 is preferably disposed coaxially with the plate 20.

Please replace paragraph [0029] (as originally numbered) with the following amended paragraph (to be renumbered accordingly):

[0029] Referring to Figs. 1, 5 and 6, the nose cone 18 generally includes a hollow conical configuration contoured as a smooth convergent extension of the fan IBR assembly

16 when the nose cone 18 is mounted to the mounting plate 20. The nose cone 18 defines, for example, three recesses 54 on the front and outer side thereof, and forms a small portion of a radial surface (not indicated) as the bottom of each recess 54. The recesses 54 are disposed in accordance with the respective holes 34 in the mounting plate 20 so that a mounting hole 56 axially extending through the bottom of each recess 54 aligns with a corresponding mounting hole 34 in the mounting plate 20. The mounting bolt 36 can be inserted through the aligned mounting hole 56 in the nose cone 18 and the mounting hole 34 in the mounting plate 20, further into the attached clinching nut 40, and can be tightened to threadedly engage the clinching nut 40. The recess 54 provides a ~~spaced~~ space for placing a tool to tighten the bolt 36 and the radially extending bottom surface of the recess 54 provides a flat base for the head of the mounting bolt 36 to abut.

Please replace paragraphs [0033] and [0034] (as originally numbered), with the following amended paragraphs [0033] and [0034] (to be renumbered accordingly):

[0033] The next step is to select one or more standard fasteners 33 to act as the balance weights for engaging in the determined one or more tapped holes 32. The standard fasteners 33 preferably have identical diameters and threads but different lengths such as lengths L1, L2 and L3, as shown in Figure 8. Selection of appropriate lengths of the standard fasteners 33 will provide a match of the amount of balance weights which has been determined.

[0034] A further step of shaft balance adjustment is to access the mounting plate 20 through the front opening 22 of the engine casing 14 for installing and affixing the selected one or more standard fasteners 33 in the determined one or more tapped holes 32. An annular cavity (not indicated) defined within the fan IBR assembly 16 is disposed behind the mounting plate 20 in order to accommodate a rear section of the selected one or more standard fasteners 33, which extends out from the rear side of the mounting plate 20, regardless of the selected length of the standard fasteners 33. The selected one or more standard fasteners 33 are engaged in the determined one or more tapped holes 32 by means of threads. Nevertheless, it is preferred to apply adhesive 68 (see Fig. 7) to the selected one or more standard fasteners 33 and/or the determined one or more tapped holes 32 in order to provide additional retention of the fasteners 33 in the holes 32.